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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-31 are pending. Claims 8 and 29 have been rejected, and claims 1-7, 9-28 and 30-31 have been allowed.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-7, 9-28 and 30-31 are allowed over the art of record.

Claims 1 and 29 have been amended herein. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims and specification add no new matter.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 8 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention in view of a narrow range or limitation that falls within the broad range or limitation in the same claim. In particular, the Examiner has noted this indefiniteness in claims 8 and 29.

In response, Applicants have herein amended claims 8 and 29 in order to overcome the indefiniteness deficiencies noted by the Examiner. It is respectfully asserted that the foregoing amendments merely addresses matters of form and does not change the literal scope of the claim in any way or result in any prosecution history estoppel.

Applicants respectfully assert that these amendments render the claims proper under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and request that the rejections be withdrawn.

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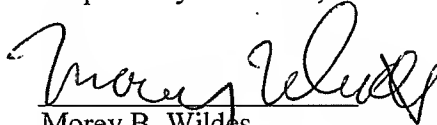
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants assert that the pending claims are allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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